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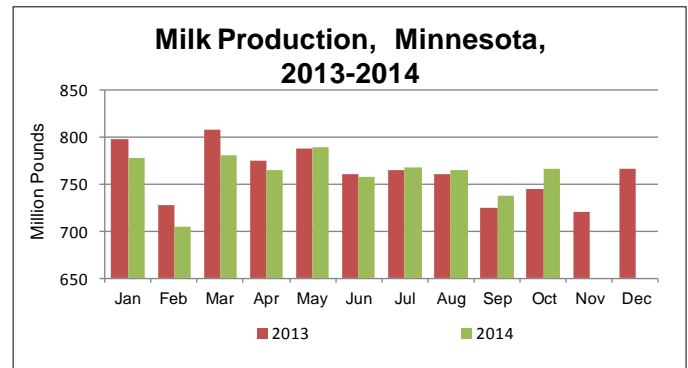
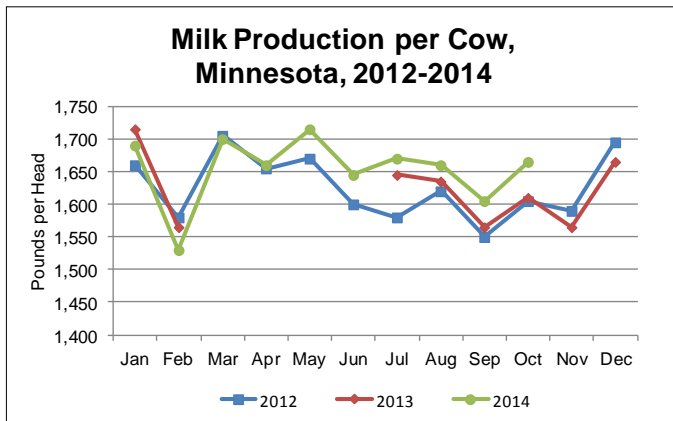
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Milk production in Minnesota during October 2014 totaled 766 million pounds, up 3 percent from last October according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 460,000 head, was unchanged from last month, but 3,000 fewer than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,665 pounds, up 55 pounds from October 2013. This is the highest October milk production and milk per cow for Minnesota on record.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change from 2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	190	193	1,880	1,900	357	367	2.8
California	1,780	1,780	1,875	1,925	3,338	3,427	2.7
Colorado	137	145	2,030	2,105	278	305	9.7
Florida	123	123	1,400	1,460	172	180	4.7
Idaho	569	579	1,950	2,015	1,110	1,167	5.1
Illinois	97	94	1,570	1,615	152	152	0.0
Indiana	178	179	1,790	1,820	319	326	2.2
Iowa	206	207	1,820	1,885	375	390	4.0
Kansas	135	143	1,835	1,855	248	265	6.9
Michigan	380	397	2,000	2,050	760	814	7.1
Minnesota.....	463	460	1,610	1,665	745	766	2.8
New Mexico	322	323	2,025	2,060	652	665	2.0
New York	610	615	1,840	1,880	1,122	1,156	3.0
Ohio	269	267	1,650	1,710	444	457	2.9
Oregon	123	124	1,690	1,685	208	209	0.5
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,620	1,680	859	890	3.6
South Dakota.....	95	97	1,830	1,865	174	181	4.0
Texas	440	472	1,820	1,895	801	894	11.6
Utah	93	96	1,840	1,920	171	184	7.6
Vermont	132	132	1,620	1,680	214	222	3.7
Virginia	94	92	1,510	1,580	142	145	2.1
Washington	266	275	1,975	1,995	525	549	4.6
Wisconsin	1,272	1,270	1,795	1,840	2,283	2,337	2.4
23-State Total.....	8,504	8,593	1,817	1,868	15,449	16,048	3.9

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 3.9 percent from October 2013. September revised production, at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 4.3 percent from September 2013. The September revision represented an increase of 22 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,868 pounds for October, 51 pounds above October 2013. This is the highest production per cow for the month of October since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.59 million head, 89,000 head more than October 2013, and 3,000 head more than September 2014.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 17.1 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from October 2013.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,842 pounds for October, 52 pounds above October 2013.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.28 million head, 77,000 head more than October 2013, and 4,000 head more than September 2014.

